

AARON OIL COMPANY, INCORPORATED
SARALAND, ALABAMA

Aaron Oil Company of Saraland, Alabama is a used oil recycler and petroleum reclamation company. The facility collects used filters and absorbents from service stations and recovers the liquid fuel. It then recycles the steel filters and sends used absorbents to approved industrial furnaces for energy recovery. The Saraland facility treats waste oils, used oil, and other approved petroleum waste. The facility also educates potential customers on alternative disposal methods and raises awareness of the environmental benefits of collecting and recycling oil and gas filters. Aaron Oil, Saraland is ISO 14001-certified.

AT A GLANCE

Industry Sector:	Recycling and Waste Management
Business:	Treats waste oils, used oil, and other approved petroleum wastes
Facility Employees:	Fewer than 50
Accomplishments:	Recycled/reused materials Reduced hazardous waste Reduced solid waste
2003 Commitments:	Reduce BOD discharges to water Reduce emissions of VOCs
Address:	713 Bill Myles Drive Saraland, AL 36571

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Past Accomplishments

Aaron Oil Company has demonstrated its commitment to environmental performance in the areas of recycled and reused materials and total materials reduction. Since 1997, the facility has:

- **Increased the total volume of material recycled and reused** by 204% through the increased collection of oil filters from small service stations.
- **Reduced hazardous waste** through reducing the amount of fly ash needed to solidify the recovered oil by 7% per gallon of sludge.
- **Reduced solid waste** through implementing a recycling program to collect, process, and recycle gasoline dispenser filters. During the first year of this new initiative, Aaron Oil collected 43 drums of recycled materials.

Future Commitments

Aaron Oil Company also committed to continued environmental improvement through reductions in discharges to water and air emissions. By 2003, the facility will install a new treatment technology in its wastewater treatment process that will have the following environmental benefits:

- **Reduce biological oxygen demand discharges to water** by 73% through improved water treatment.
- **Reduce volatile organic compound emissions** by 0.49 pounds per day.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Saraland facility addresses communications with its community members through policies in its environmental management system (EMS) manual. The president or compliance office reviews all such communications to determine the appropriate response. On an as-needed basis, the organization solicits

the views of interested parties on its EMS or environmental performance. The facility might conduct such outreach when considering significant changes such as facility expansion or other actions that might affect actual or potential environmental impacts of the plant's products, activities, or services.